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SUBJ: BIODATA ON NEW YUGOSLAV UN PERMREP MILJAN KOMATINA

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1. NEWLY APPOINTED YUGOSLAV PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN
MILJAN KOMATINA IS A MONTENEGRIN BORN AUGUST 22, 1922.
MONTENEGRO WAS DURING MUCH OF THE WAR THE SCENE OF BITTER
PARTISAN WARFARE AND KOMWTINA SERVED WITH THE PARTISANS.
AFTER THE WAR HE STUDIED IN PARIS, POSSIBLY ON A FOREIGN
AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT SCHOLARSHIP.

2. HE ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1948 AND HAD
INITIALLY A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN ASSIGNMENTS (NORWAY, HUNGARY,
AUSTRIA, AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT SCANDINAVIA DESK).HIN
1952 KOMATINA WAS DECLARED PNG BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT.
FROM 1959 TO 1965 HE DEVELOPED A SPECIALIZATION IN NORTH
AFRICA: TUNIA (1959-62), FSFA NORTH AFRICA DESK (1962-65),
AND ALGIERS (1965-68). AFTER A BRIEF STINT IN 1969 AS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT'S GROUP FOR
ANALYSIS AND PLANNING (INTELLIGENCE), KOMATINA WAS ASSIGNED
AS DEPUTY PERMREP OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE UN.

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3. IN LATE 1972 KOMATINA WAS TRANSFERRED TO BELGRADE WHERE
HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGAN-
IZATIONS AND AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ASIA, AFRICA AND
LATIN AMERICA. FROM JULY 1975 UNTIL JULY 197(HE WAS ASSIS-
TANT SECRETARY FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS. THIS VARIED AND
EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS MAKES HIM WELL

SUITED TO THE UN.

4. KOMATINA HAS LONG HAD FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS BOTH IN U.S. AND AT EMBASSY BELGRADE. PROFESSIONALLY, HE IS BROAD-GAUGE, INTELLIGENT, LOQUACIOUS, AND CANDID. HE READS EXTENSIVELY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND POLITICAL THEORY; CAN, WITHOUT TOO MUCH STRETCHING OF THE TERM, BE DESCRIBED AS AN INTELLECTUAL. TENDS TO BE A BIT DOCTRINAIRE, A BIT OF A THEOLOGIAN. HIS ENGLISH IS FROM GOOD TO VERY GOOD, BUT HIS FRENCH IS BETTER. HE SEEMS GENERALLY AT EASE WITH AMERICANS, NO DOUBT AS A RESULT OF HIS TOUR IN THE U.S. (1970-72) FROM WHICH HE CAME AWAY WITH EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND "IMPRESSED BY THE HOSPITALITY AND OPENNESS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," TO QUOTE ONE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT.

5. KOMATINA IS A BIG MAN, BLUFF, PREMATURELY GRAY, AND WEARS GLASSES. HE HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR. KOMATINA HAS HEARD AND LAUGHED AT ALL THE JOKES ABOUT MONTENEGRO AND MONTENEGRINS; HE ENJOYS TELLING THEM HIMSELF CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN HEARING THEM FROM OTHERS, HOWEVER. HIS WIFE, MIROSLAVA, ABOUT 44, IS TALL, DARK AND "CHARMING." SHE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, HAS SUBSTANTIAL CHARM, AND A GOOD MIND. SHE IS A BOSNIAN CROAT. THEY HAVE A SON 21 AND A DAUGHTER 14.
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